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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with the Secretary of State
15 July 1977

1. I delivered the Secret (but to be unclassified) version of the Soviet economy report. Requested the Secretary's clearance.

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3. The Secretary mentioned that he had received a paper from Mr. Paul Nitze on a new evaluation of Soviet civil defense. He would make a copy of it and share it with us.

4. I told the Secretary we were proceeding to try to coordinate more on economic intelligence.

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[redacted] The Secretary said that he and others had briefed [redacted] on the CIA study of the Soviet economy. [redacted]
as an economist asked how we got to these conclusions from the slim data base that is available on the Soviet economy.

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a. I volunteered that we would put together a short briefing on how we got our information and drew our conclusions. I proposed to the Secretary that we forward this to George Carver along with a copy of the Secret version of the study, and that George deliver both items to [redacted] whenever he gives the civil defense briefing.

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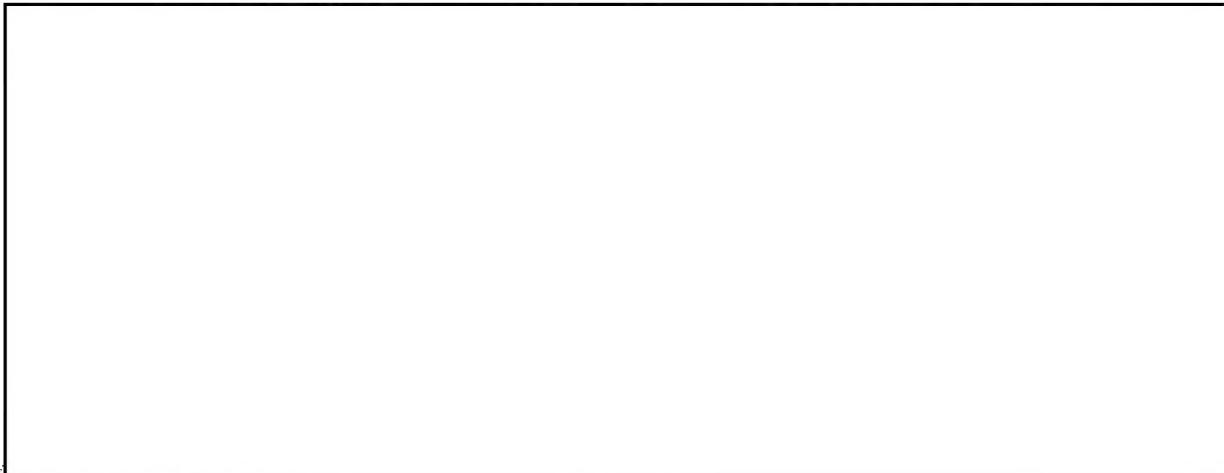
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b. In addition, I think it would be useful to us and to others in Washington to put together a description of our sources and methodology to the extent we possibly can. There is considerable skepticism in town as to the validity of our study. This might help people understand its strengths better.



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